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Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

Adam L Basehoar

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Interview held on 02/02/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5,7-10,14,40 and 41.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 21 March 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date 20050123.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE AND EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. This action is responsive to communications: The Interview held on 02/02/05 to the Amendment filed on 10/18/04.
2. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 14, 27-45 are pending in this case. Claims 1, 27, 28, 37, 40, and 42 are independent claims.
3. Claims 27-39 and 42-45 have been cancelled as necessitated by the Interview and the Examiner's Amendment as shown below.
4. Claims 1 and 40 have been amended by the examiner, which is discussed below in the Examiner's Amendment section.
5. The Rejection of claims 1-5, 7-10, 14, and 40-41 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Forcier (US-5,953,735 09/14/99) has been withdrawn as necessitated by Examiner's Amendment.
6. Claims 1-5, 7-10, 14, and 40-41 are allowed as necessitated by Examiner's Amendment and discussed below in the Reasons for Allowance section.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

7. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
8. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in an in-person interview with Attorney Gary Fedorochko on 02/02/2005.

The Application has been amended as follows:

Cancel Claims 27-39 and 42-45

Replace Claim 1 with:

1. (currently amended by the examiner) A method for editing documents on a computer system, comprising the steps of:
 - placing an insertion point icon at a first position in an electronic document;
 - receiving one or more user inputs indicating movement from said first position to a second position;
 - responsive to said one or more user inputs, displaying an origin icon at said first position, and displaying a moving icon at said second position;
 - displaying a connection line between said origin icon and a point on a margin of said electronic document at a third position different from said second position, wherein the first, second, and third positions are not collinear; and
 - moving one or more portions of said electronic document responsive to said one or more user inputs.

Replace Claim 40 with:

40. (currently amended by the examiner) A method for editing documents on a computer system, comprising the steps of:

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placing an insertion point icon at a first position in an electronic document;
receiving one or more user inputs indicating movement from said first position to a second position;
responsive to said one or more user inputs, displaying an origin icon at said first position, displaying a moving icon at the second position ~~within a margin~~ in a text line and displaying a margin dynamic connector connecting the origin icon to a point on the margin corresponding to a the text line associated with the second position; and
moving one or more portions of said electronic document responsive to said one or more user inputs.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

9. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding amended independent claim 1, none of the references, either singularly or in combination, teach or suggest to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention the amended feature, "displaying a connection line between said origin icon and a point on a margin of said electronic document at a third position different from said second position, wherein the first, second, and third positions are not collinear." The examiner notes that while user input driven document editing devices is not a novel feature (See Examiner Referenced Patents), but in combination with the amended features of the method steps of the independent claim the limitations of claim 1 are considered novel, and unobvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the prior art of record.

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In regards to independent claim 40, the examiner notes that said claim is substantially similar to independent claim 1 with the regards to the dynamic connector line connecting the origin icon with a point on the margin corresponding with a text line wherein the second position was located.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

10. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

US-5,502,803	03-1996	Yoshida et al.
US-6,340,967	01-2002	Maxted, Sean Kenneth
US-5,778,404	07-1998	Capps et al.

11. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Adam L Basehoar whose telephone number is (571)-272-4121.

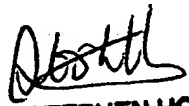
The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 7:00am - 4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Steve Hong can be reached on (703) 308-5465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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